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1. MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPERS JUNE 23 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD SIGNED INTO LAW BILL AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL FUNDS FOR PROVIDING ESSENTIAL MEDICAL CARE AND DIETARY SUPPLEMENT TO AMERICAN PRISONERS OVERSEAS. WE ARE, NATURALLY, RECEIVING MANY INQUIRIES FROM PRISONERS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY REPORT DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE ON THE NEW LEGISLATION.

2. IF LEGISLATION HAS INDEED BEEN PASSED, WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT IS OR SHORTLY WILL BE IN PROCESS OF PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONSULAR POSTS WORLDWIDE. AS THIS MAY TAKE SOME TIME, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE BRIEF INTERIM REPORT SUMMARIZING ESSENTIAL POINTS. WE ASSUME NEW LEGISLATION CONTAINS SOME FEATURES OF DEPART-
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MENT PROPOSALS FOR SCS BUDGET 78 WHICH WERE DISCUSSED BY GISE AT CONSULAR CONFERENCE HERE LAST DECEMBER. FOR THE PRESENT, IT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO KNOW WHETHER NEW LAW FOLLOWS GENERAL OUTLINES OF DEPARTMENT PROPOSALS - E.G. OFFICIAL FUNDS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT TO BE PROVIDED AS REIMBURSABLE LOAN WHEN FUNDS FROM PRIVATE RESOURCES (FAMILY, ETC.) NOT AVAILABLE. LOANS

TO BE PROVIDED ONLY WHEN MEDICAL TREATMENT NECESSARY TO
PREVENT DEATH OR PERMANENT DISABLEMENT. WHAT IS EFFECTIVE
DATE OF NEW LEGISLATION OR ANTICIPATED AVAILABILITY OF
FUNDS? THOMPSON

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